

## March, 2013 Coconut Telegraph

The Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association had its Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

President David Haynes listed the past year's accomplishments. They include:

1. A very successful and fun Labor Day Weekend Fishing Tournament, with over 90 anglers. 25 kids participated in the Kids' Fishing Classes, and the Tournament raised \$800.
2. The annual Coastal Cleanup resulted in lots of trash being removed from the island in September.
3. The POA paid to repair the depression in the north-south road just north of the Hideaway condominiums.
4. The POA started a program of providing free to members an environmentally friendly herbicide called Element 4 for use in eliminating exotic plants.
5. The POA has been working to get the Charlotte County Commissioners to pass the LGI Zoning Overlay Act, which will preserve the residential-only character of our island.
6. The POA has placed signs at beach access points reminding pet owners to clean up after their pets.
7. The POA has initiated a golf cart registration program to help law enforcement identify and return stolen golf carts.
8. The POA voted to offer a \$1000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone committing a felony on LGI.
9. The Dock Committee (composed of members of the POA and the Advisory Committee) has been negotiating with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to grandfather existing docks.

Reports on Zoning and Docks were on the agenda at the Annual Meeting.

**Zoning:** After a long effort by members of the POA and the Advisory Committee, the LGI Zoning Overlay Act, which zones all of LGI as Single Family Residential, is finally coming before the Charlotte County Commission. There will be a hearing before the Planning and Zoning Board on May 13 at 3PM, then a hearing before the County Commission at 2PM on June 25, then the final reading by the County Commission on July 23 at 2PM. All three hearings will be held in the County Commission Chambers in Murdock. Public comment is invited. If you can attend one or all of these, please plan to do so and express your support for this ordinance.

**Docks:** Dock Committee members reported on the status of negotiations with the DEP regarding LGI's docks. The Committee reported that, with one exception, all elements of the proposed DEP grandfathering program have been determined. The Committee distributed an information sheet outlining the effect of the proposed program on single-family docks and a second information sheet outlining the effect of the proposed program on multifamily or community docks. These two information sheets are attached to this email, and are being posted on the LGPOA website: lgpoa.org. The Committee reported that negotiations with DEP were continuing on the question of whether the existing multifamily docks would be

permitted to expand as more homes were built in each subdivision. The DEP will present its proposed program at a hearing on the island when the last element of the proposed program is settled.

**Chapel Services:** Sunday services are continuing at LGI's Chapel. Regular services are held at 10:30AM. Below is a schedule for Easter services with the location and the names of the ministers:

**Palm Sunday**

Chapel

10:30 am

Chris Halverson

**Good Friday Communion Service**

Chapel

12:00 pm (Noon)

Warren Delling

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Service**

Linda and Chuck Soderquist's home on 8886 Bay Street next to Dixon's barge landing  
(please bring your own chair)

7:00 am

Brad Bright

**Easter Sunday Chapel Service**

Chapel

10:30 am

Warren Delling